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AMENDMENT A

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 is amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A reclosable flexible package comprising:

opposed front and rear panels having side portions joined together to form an interior

and a package opening communicating with said interior;

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